

SEC. 8. *How deed for homestead may be made.* Nothing contained in the foregoing sections of this article shall operate to prevent the owner of a homestead from disposing of the same by deed; but no deed made by the owner of a homestead shall be valid without the voluntary signature and assent of his wife, signified on her private examination according to law.

How deed for homestead may be made.

## ARTICLE XI

### PUNISHMENTS, PENAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC CHARITIES

SECTION 1. *Punishments; convict labor; proviso.* The following punishments only shall be known to the laws of this State, viz., death, imprisonment with or without hard labor, fines, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under this State. The foregoing provision for imprisonment with hard labor shall be construed to authorize the employment of such convict labor on public works or highways, or other labor for public benefit, and the farming out thereof, where and in such manner as may be provided by law; but no convict shall be farmed out who has been sentenced on a charge of murder, manslaughter, rape, attempt to commit rape, or arson: *Provided*, that no convict whose labor may be farmed out shall be punished for any failure of duty as a laborer, except by a responsible officer of the State; but the convicts so farmed out shall be at all times under the supervision and control, as to their government and discipline, of the penitentiary board or some officer of this State.

Punishments.

Convict labor.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *Death punishment.* The object of punishment being not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime, murder, arson, burglary, and rape, and these only, may be punishable with death, if the General Assembly shall so enact.

Death punishment.

SEC. 3. *Penitentiary.* The General Assembly shall, at its first meeting, make provision for the erection and conduct of a State's Prison or penitentiary at some central and accessible point within the State.

Penitentiary.

SEC. 4. *Houses of correction.* The General Assembly may provide for the erection of houses of correction, where vagrants and person guilty of misdemeanors shall be restrained and usefully employed.

Houses of correction.

SEC. 5. *Houses of refuge.* A house or houses of refuge may be established whenever the public interest may require it, for the correction and instruction of other classes of offenders.

Houses of refuge.